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TELEPHONE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of policy adopted in regard to telecommunication facilities in Rural Areas;

(b) the number of villages are without telephones and public telephone booth, State-wise;

(c) the number of the rural population in each State without telephone accessibility; and

(d) the time by which each State are likely to get facilities of telephone and public booths?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Telecommunication facility in rural areas is provided progressively in phased manner by using Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) and Village Public Telephones (VPTs) subject to availability of equipments and other infrastructure.

(b) State-wise list of number of villages without telephones is given in the annexure.

(c) Information is being collected and the same shall be furnished later on.

(d) Each state in the country is likely to get telephone facility by the year 2002.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of Circle/State	Number of villages left Uncovered (As on 31.10.2001)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0
2	Andhra Pradesh	6059
3	Assam	7628
4	Bihar	24191
5	Jharkhand	24944
6	Gujrat	4202
7	Haryana	39
8	Himachal Pradesh	2326
9	Jammu & Kashmir	2701
10	Karnataka	10
11	Kerala	0
12	Madhya Pradesh	14455
13	Chhatisgarh	8764
14	Maharashtra	10926
15	North East- I	4659
16	North East-II	5123
17	Orissa	21374
18	Punjab	0
19	Rajasthan	14791
20	Tamil Nadu	92
21	Uttar Pradesh (E)	13787
22	Uttar Pradesh (W)	4662
23	Uttaranchal	7984
24	West Bengal	14299
25	Calcutta	47
26	Delhi	0
	Total	193063